GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Public Servants - Prohibition and Excise Department - Liquor Syndicate Case, Krishna District - Allegations of Criminal Misconduct and Criminal conspiracy against Sri K.Prakasa Rao, Prohibition and Excise Inspector (Retd.) and 8 other Prohibition & Excise Officials Case entrusted to Col IA appointed - Inquiry Report received - Report communicated to the Charged Officers - Representations received - Considered - Further action dropped against three officials - Orders - Issued.

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REVENUE (VIGILANCE.IV) DEPARTMENT

G.O.RT.No. 373 **Dated: 28-04-2025**

Read the following

1. From DG, ACB has submitted final report vide Lr.RC. No.57/RCO-VKI/2012, Dt. 06.11.2012 (Cr. No.4/RCO-ACB-VJA/2012).
2. Govt., Memo No.49988/Vig.V(2)/2012-2. Dt.16.01.2013.
3. G.O. Rt. No. 295, Rev (Vig.III) dept., Dt. 24.07.2015.
4. G.O. Rt. No. 296, Rev (Vig III) dept., Dt. 24.07 2015.
5. G.O. Rt. No. 775, Rev (Vig.1) dept., Dt. 06.12.2021.
6. From the COI, inquiry report vide D.O. R.No. 107/Col/RPT/2021, dt 31.05.2022.
7. Govt. Memo. No. 49988/Vig.V(2)/2012, dt:22.09.2022.
8. Representation of Sri P. Sreemannarayana Rao, P&E Dy. Commr., (Retd.) Dt.24.11.2022.
9. Representation of Defence of Smt. B. Srilatha, P&ES (Retd.), Dt.14.11.2022.
10. Representation of Defence of Sri Y. Adinarayana Murthy, Asst., P&ES., (Retd.), Dt. 07.12.2022.

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ORDER

Whereas in the reference 1st read above, the Director General, Anti-Corruption Bureau, Andhra Pradesh, submitted the final report on the Visakhapatnam liquor syndicate case, involving allegations of criminal misconduct against Prohibition & Excise officials. It was alleged that the officials developed a nexus with liquor group leaders and facilitated the Issuance of A4 wine shop licenses in benami names without proper verification of documents, thereby causing pecuniary advantage to the liquor syndicate, in violation of the A.P. Excise Rules, 2005. The Director General, Anti-Corruption Bureau recommended the accused officers Sri G.T. Venkateswara Rao, P&E Inspector and others, to place on their defence before Col.

2. And whereas, the Government placed the following AOs on their defense before the Commissionarate of Inquiries (Col) and framed charges against them. The details are as follows:

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S. No.	Name Sarvasri:	Designation	Place	A.O. No.	AoCs issued vide
1	K. Prakasa Rao	P&E Inspector	Mandavalli	3	G.O.Rt.No. 265, dt. 25.02.2014
2	G.T. Venkateswara Rao	P&E Inspector (Retd.)	Mandavalli	7	G.O.Rt.No. 889, dt. 17.06.2013
3	A. Satyanarayana	P&E Inspector (Retd.)	Gudivada	9	GO RT No.891, dt. 17.06.2013
4	G. Venkata Ramana	Excise Supdt. (Retd.)	Machilipatnam	36	G.O.Rt.No. 892, dt 17.06.2013
5	P. Srimannarayana	Excise Supdt.	Vijayawada	37	G.O.Rt.No. 893, dt. 17.06.2013
6	B. Srilatha	Excise Supdt.	Vijayawada	38	G.O.Rt.No. 894, dt. 17.06.2013
7	G. Laxmana Rao	Asst. Excise Supdt. (Retd.)	Machilipatnam	39	G.O.Rt.No. 895, dt. 17.06.2013
8	Y. Adinarayana Murthy	Asst. Excise Supdt.	Vijayawada	40	G.O.Rt.No. 896, dt. 17.06.2013
9	S.S.Laxminarayana	Asst. Excise Supdt.	Krishna District	41	G.O.Rt.No. 897, dt. 17.06.2013

3. In the reference 3rd & 4th read above, the Government, appointed Dr. Prem Chand, Member CoI as Inquiry Authority and Sri G.Venugopal as presenting Officer to enquire into the charges framed against the above 9 Charged Officers. Subsequently, in the reference 5th read above, the case was re-assigned to Sri R.P.Thakur, I.P.S. (Retd.), Member, CoI as Inquiring Authority.

4. In the reference 6th read above, the Inquiring Authority submitted the Inquiry Report in respect of the above charged officers. After examining the findings, the Government decided to communicate a copy of the Inquiry Report to the Charged Officers. Accordingly, the same was communicated to all the Charged Officers vide reference 7th read above.

5. In the reference 8th, 9th & 10th read above, the Charged Officers (1) Sri P. Sreemannarayana Rao, P&E Dy. Commissioner (Retd.), (2) Smt. B. Srilatha, P&E Superintendent (Retd.), and (3) Sri Y. Adinarayana Murthy, former Assistant, P&ES, submitted their explanations stating that the Inquiry Authority's findings

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were based on depositions related to belt shops in Mandavalli Mandal, which does not fall under the Jurisdiction of Vijayawada Excise District. They further stated that the evidence from Machilipatnam District was wrongly taken into account. The officers requested a review of the 'partly proved' finding and sought dropping of further action, enclosing G.O. Ms. No. 1573, Revenue (Excise-II) Department, dated 20.08.2005, in support of their claim on Jurisdiction.

6. Whereas, it is observed that the jurisdiction in respect of excise is different from that of Revenue, and since the inquiry authority appears to have taken into consideration the depositions of PWs 5 & 7 and Ex.P3 who deposed regarding belt shops in Mandavalli Mandal, outside Vijayawada Excise District's jurisdiction.

7. Government, after careful examination of the matter, have decided to drop further action against Sri P. Sreemannarayana Rao, P&E Dy. Commr., (Retd.), Smt. B.Srilatha, P&E Supdt., and Sri Y.Adinarayana Murthy, former Asst., P&ES, as their explanations are convincing. Accordingly, the Government hereby order to drop further action against the above three (3) officers in the disciplinary proceedings initiated against them.

8. The Director of Prohibition and Excise, A.P. shall take necessary further action in the matter accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNER OF ANDHARA PRADESH)

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SECTION OFFICER